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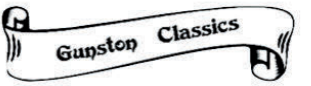

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The sun was hot, the fields were dry,

When suddenly an ant walked by,

The grasshopper sat and watched all day,

As the ant walked back and forth

this way.

What's going on," he asked Mr. Ant?

"Come join me please

And we'll sing and we'll dance."

"Oh no," said the Ant, "I can not stay,

I must gather food for a cold rainy day."

So out in the field

The silly Grasshopper watched,

As the Ant gathered food. . .

He just would not stop.

Back and forth went the Ant

Working hard all day,

Carrying kernels of corn,

Green peas and sweet hay.

So the Ant worked and worked

While the Grasshopper played.

Mr. Ant shook his head

He was truly amazed.

But soon autumn winds

Blew away the hot sun,

All the green leaves dried up

And it wasn't much fun.

Then finally came sleet. . .

And the cold frigid snow,

Mr. Grasshopper's dance became frightfully

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And his song that he sang

Became too faint to hear,

Soon the snow flakes piled high,

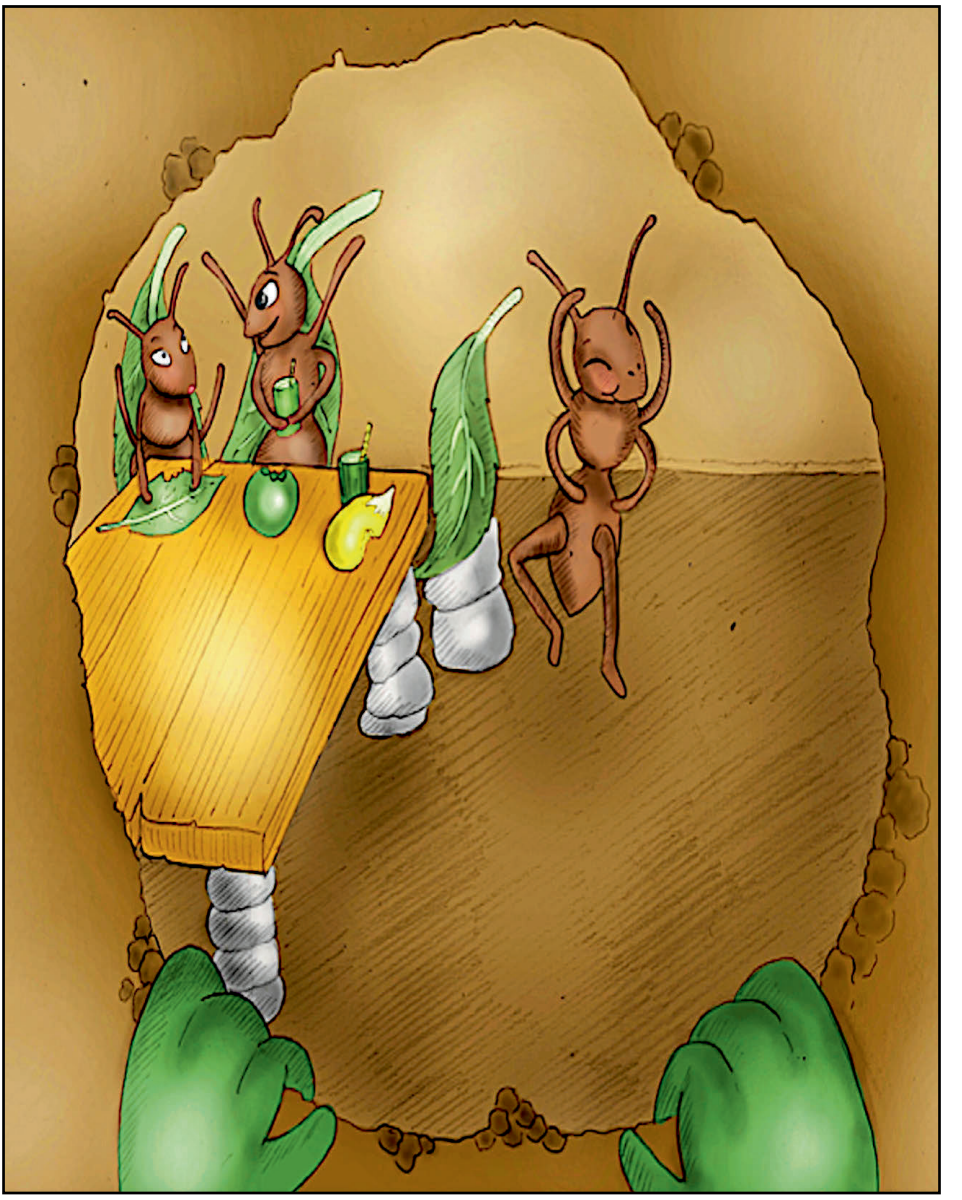
Way up to his ears.

“I’m so hungry and cold,”

Mr. Grasshopper cried,”

As he knocked on the door

Where the Ant did reside.



There through the window

The Grasshopper glanced,

Mr. Ant ate his dinner,

Then he sang and he danced.

“Mr. Ant is so comfy,

With food and he’s warm,

So why must I freeze,

In this cold winter storm?”

“Perhaps I was foolish

To sing and to dance,

Knowing quite well,

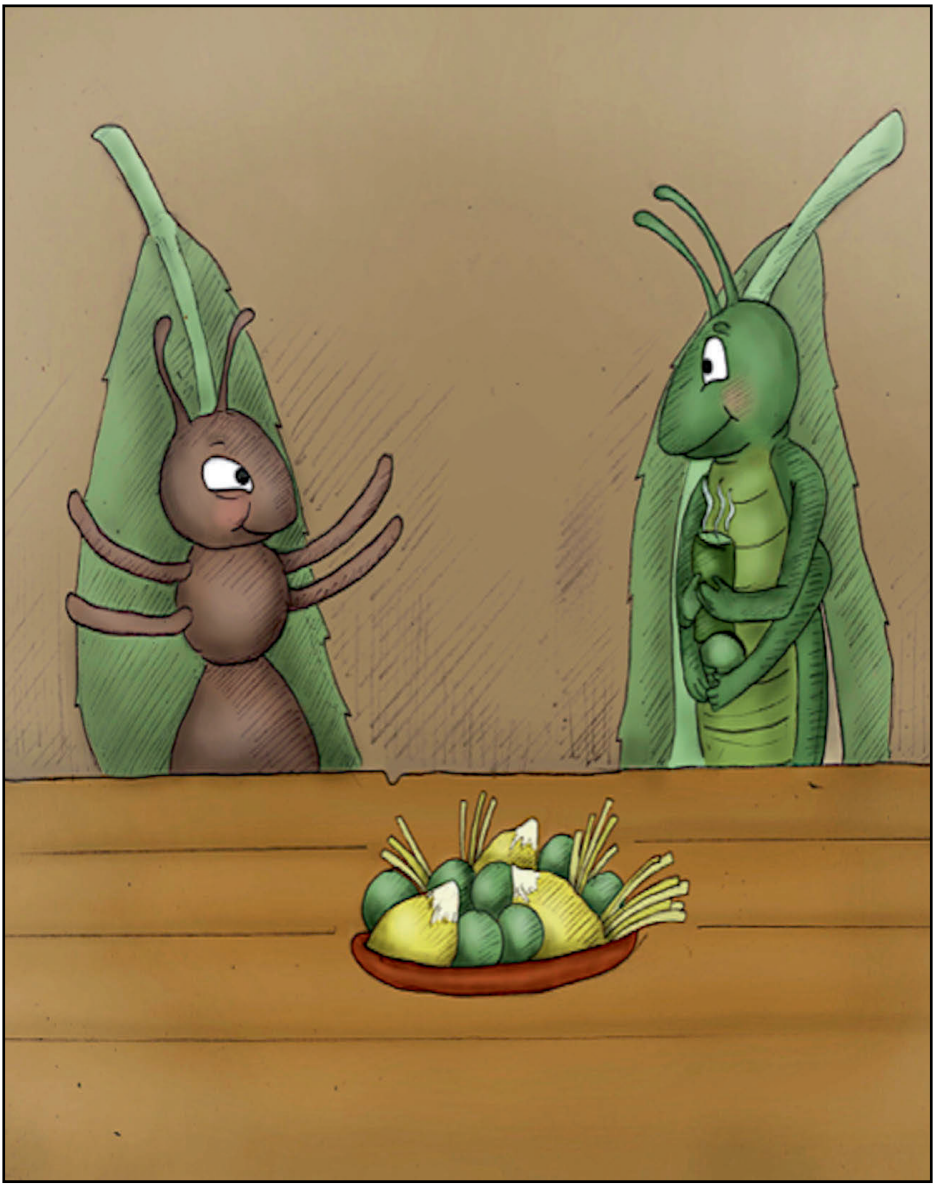
That good weather won’t last.”

But finally the Ant

Opened up his front door,

And shared with the Grasshopper,

The food he had stored.



And the Grasshopper learned

His lesson this time,

That he has to make hay. . .

While the summer sun shines.

So he never will feel,

So much total despair,

He must plan for the future,

And be always prepared.

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